

## Spending habits of Australian households: ABS

States/Territories - average weekly household expenditure 2003-04 - selected categories

Figures expressed as dollars and cents

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT(a)	ACT(b)	Aust.
<b>Current housing costs</b>									
Rent	58.00	37.50	49.38	31.91	38.95	28.16	60.43	64.36	46.60
Interest component of mortgage repayments	46.04	35.36	31.63	32.79	39.42	22.19	61.84	40.31	38.24
<b>Domestic fuel and power</b>									
Electricity	16.54	16.60	16.08	20.97	15.38	24.02	26.64	19.99	17.03
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>									
Bread	6.23	6.23	5.22	5.56	5.58	6.53	5.46	6.20	5.91
Fresh milk	5.06	5.36	5.65	5.78	5.52	5.71	6.52	4.96	5.38
Sugar	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.29	0.49	0.25	0.32	0.33
Tea	0.72	0.70	0.67	0.63	0.70	0.80	0.50	0.88	0.70
Coffee	1.21	1.45	1.24	1.15	1.06	1.50	1.32	1.58	1.27
Vegetables	11.13	10.77	9.86	9.32	10.86	10.33	11.33	11.82	10.61
Meat	20.52	20.22	18.86	18.27	21.81	18.75	23.50	18.96	20.01
Fish/seafood	4.64	3.92	3.21	2.82	3.42	3.10	3.41	4.17	3.85
Takeaway meals/fast food	24.82	22.61	21.77	19.90	20.90	18.23	27.91	28.13	22.79
<b>Alcoholic beverages</b>									
Beer	9.18	8.76	7.95	8.15	13.08	12.45	15.56	7.98	9.25
Wine	6.77	6.81	4.65	6.26	6.79	5.97	7.22	8.04	6.33
<b>Tobacco products</b>									
Cigarettes	11.04	10.77	10.27	10.35	10.27	13.40	13.02	9.14	10.73
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>									
Men's clothing	5.04	5.56	4.94	4.91	5.98	5.22	2.66	4.98	5.22
Women's clothing	10.19	12.07	9.69	10.52	9.05	8.55	9.05	11.82	10.45
<b>Household furnishings/equipment</b>									
Household appliances	11.08	10.57	13.03	10.84	15.42	8.82	16.59	14.37	11.79
<b>Household services/operation</b>									
Telephone, fixed line	16.99	16.35	16.51	14.29	16.28	14.72	17.34	18.48	16.42
Telephone, mobile	12.70	12.91	11.41	10.64	13.61	8.53	14.04	14.82	12.36
Child care	5.48	4.50	5.20	2.82	3.97	2.12	6.24	8.07	4.78
<b>Medical care/health expenses</b>									
Health/accident insurance	18.09	16.97	16.48	19.17	18.61	17.93	16.51	20.25	17.66
Health practitioners' fees	16.15	14.59	11.99	9.94	16.02	6.79	14.33	26.85	14.35
<b>Transport</b>									
Motor vehicle purchase	48.77	47.02	52.09	47.19	55.60	43.02	50.40	52.47	49.47
Petrol	30.08	30.78	26.50	28.94	30.57	34.36	28.61	36.86	29.72
Public transport	5.78	4.27	2.60	2.16	2.17	0.98	1.08	2.29	3.91

**Recreation**

Internet	0.92	1.09	0.85	0.82	0.81	0.84	1.33	1.42	0.94
Pay TV	3.15	2.59	2.54	2.51	2.00	1.80	4.78	2.25	2.69
Newspapers	2.31	2.78	2.10	3.08	2.88	3.75	2.70	3.01	2.56

**Personal care**

Toiletries/cosmetics	10.48	10.46	10.31	10.34	10.26	7.52	9.93	11.53	10.35
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**Miscellaneous goods and services**

Primary/secondary education fees	8.52	12.34	6.02	10.99	10.33	6.41	6.19	13.35	9.36
Higher education fees	7.77	10.00	4.67	4.60	3.51	3.91	7.59	9.95	6.96

<b>Total goods and services</b>	<b>937.90</b>	<b>887.93</b>	<b>819.95</b>	<b>813.74</b>	<b>870.63</b>	<b>753.32</b>	<b>1037.57</b>	<b>1051.79</b>	<b>883.45</b>
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(a) Households in collection districts defined as very remote or Indigenous communities were excluded, accounting for about 23% of the population in the Northern Territory.

(b) As the balance of state is not available for the ACT, estimates for the ACT are the same as those for Canberra.

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